GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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JUDGEMENT OF SUPREME COURT FOR MEDICAL ENTRANCE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has delivered any judgement regarding common entrance test for professional courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in view of the judgement of the Supreme Court, students seeking admission into Medical Colleges will have to appear for Common Entrance Test;

(d) if so, whether private colleges will not be affected by this judgement and will follow their own procedure for admission; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to protect interests of the common students?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) The Constitution Bench of the Hon`ble Supreme Court, in its judgement delivered on 31st October, 2002 in the T.M.A. Pai & Ors. Vs. State of Karnataka & Ors., has held that its decision inUnni Krishnan`s case, in so far as it framed the scheme relating to the grant of admission and the fixing of the fee, was not correct, and to that extent, the said decision and the consequent directions given to the UGC, AICTE and Medical Council of India, Central and State Governments etc. would stand overruledIn pursuance of the directions of the Hon`ble Supreme Court, Central Government has initiated the necessary follow up action, inter-alia, with regard to the fee structure and admission of students in private medical and dental colleges, in consultation with the State/UT Governments and the concerned Universities.